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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Note by the Secretariat

1. As explained in the annotated provisional agenda of the ninth session of the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC.9/1/Add.1), on the basis of recommendations by the Committee and the Industrial Development Board, the General Conference by decision GC.1/Dec.34 appointed the Senior President of the Audit Office of Belgium as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years beginning on 1 July 1986 and subsequently (GC.2/Dec.28, GC.3/Dec.22 and GC.4/Dec.17) extended that appointment until 30 June 1994.

2. The Director-General has today been informed that the Senior President of the Audit Office of Belgium would not be in a position to accept any further extension of the current appointment beyond 30 June 1994.

3. The Committee may wish to propose to the Industrial Development Board that it recommend to the General Conference the appointment of an external auditor for a period of two years, beginning 1 July 1994, under the terms of reference specified in article XI (and annex) of the Financial Regulations of UNIDO. The travel and costs related to the work of the external auditor are to be borne by the UNIDO regular budget. A provision of $294,300 (at 1993 rates) has been tentatively included for this purpose in the proposed regular budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

4. Member States interested in providing the services of an external auditor are invited to inform the Director-General of such interest so that he could bring it to the attention of the Programme and Budget Committee at its ninth session.

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